

Washington, DC – Today, the House of Representatives voted 243-183 to pass the [Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act of 2009 \(HR 3961\)](#)

. This bill would prevent the reimbursement rates for doctors who treat Medicare from being cut by 21% in 2010. The bill also contained legislation previously passed by the House to require federal spending to be paid for by specific revenues. Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) commented on the bill's passage.

“Ensuring the long-term solvency of Medicare means ensuring that doctors can afford to continue their practice,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “This bill is part of the House’s assurance to Americans that they would be able to keep their doctor under our reformed health care system.”

The House of Representatives passed the [Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009 \(HR 2920\)](#) by a vote of

[265-166](#)

on July 22, 2009. This legislation would require that every dollar of new spending passed by Congress be paid for by new revenue or spending cuts. The [rule](#)

under which HR 3961 was considered attached the language from HR 2920 to HR 3961.

“There are times when borrowing money is appropriate, like when you take out a mortgage or a loan to start your business,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “But it is right and proper that we end the practice of reckless borrowing by reinstituting the PAYGO rules under which we created record budget surpluses in the 1990s.”

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